

INSPECT 7,407 VESSELS

ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS
202 PASSENGERS LOST

Suicide, Accidental Drownings, and
Other Causes Claimed Total of
170 Victims

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Following is a summary of activities and statistics of the steamboat inspection service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919. The force inspected and certificated 7,407 vessels, with a total gross tonnage of 11,562,166, of which 7,131 were domestic vessels, with a total gross tonnage of 9,975,479. In the total gross tonnage of vessels inspected, as compared with the previous fiscal year, of 6,722. There were inspected for safety, engines and other operating machinery were granted to twenty-three steam vessels, with a total gross tonnage of 6,722. There were inspected for safety, engines and other operating machinery were granted to twenty-three steam vessels, with a total gross tonnage of 6,722. There were inspected for safety, engines and other operating machinery were granted to twenty-three steam vessels, with a total gross tonnage of 6,722.

Issue 25,000 Licenses.
Licenses were issued to 25,000 officers of all grades. There were examined for visual defects 9,700 applicants for licenses of which two were found color blind or with other visual defects and rejected. Certificates of competency were issued to 1,000 men, and 750 were rejected. Certificates of competency were issued to 1,000 men, and 750 were rejected. Certificates of competency were issued to 1,000 men, and 750 were rejected.

Accidents Fatal to 191.
The total number of accidents resulting in loss of life was 191, of which 107 were passengers. Of the lives lost 107 were passengers. Of the lives lost 107 were passengers. Of the lives lost 107 were passengers. Of the lives lost 107 were passengers. Of the lives lost 107 were passengers.

ACCEPTS RICHMOND CALL
Rev. Dr. William T. Walters expects to leave Winchester on March 1, 1920.

WINCHESTER, Va., Dec. 17.—An announcement was made last night of the resignation of Rev. Dr. William T. Walters as pastor of the Christian Church here, to take effect March 1, 1920, which he will go to Richmond to engage in business.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA
C. R. Wrenn, 71, died at his home in Winchester, Va., Dec. 17.

Miss Lucy Nelson, Pioneer.
Miss Lucy Nelson, a pioneer of the New South, died at her home in Winchester, Va., Dec. 17. She was 82 years of age.

Mrs. Thomas Harrison.
Mrs. Thomas Harrison, 71, died at her home in Winchester, Va., Dec. 17. She was 71 years of age.

George P. Ware.
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M. V. A.
M. V. A. died at his home in Winchester, Va., Dec. 17. He was 71 years of age.

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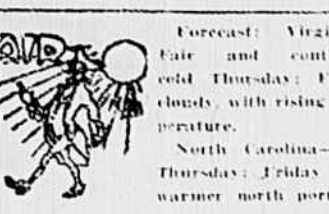
\$12 Vici Kid
Straight last, black and tan, all sizes; combination last. A great value. \$9.90

\$11 Black Calf
In both blucher and bal styles. Also combination last. A big seller. \$8.90

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The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)



Forecast: Virginia—Fair and continued cold Thursday; Friday cloudy, with rising temperature.

North Carolina—Fair Thursday; Friday fair, warmer north portion.

Local Temperature Yesterday.
Maximum temperature at S. P. M. 55.
Minimum temperature at S. P. M. 35.
Mean temperature yesterday 45.
Normal temperature for this date 45.

Local Observations at S. P. M. Yesterday.
Wind direction, northeast; wind velocity, 10 to 15 m.p.h.
Relative humidity, 75 per cent.
Barometric pressure, 30.1 in.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
Atmosphere, S. P. M. High, Low, Weather.
Albany, N. Y., 45, 35, Clear.
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MINIATURE ALMANAC.
Sun rises 7:12, sets 4:52, moon rises 1:12, sets 12:12.
Sun high 12:12, low 12:12, moon high 12:12, low 12:12.

NEW YORK POLICEMEN IN PACT WITH BURGLARS
District Attorney Declares He Has Convicting Evidence Against Officers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Police officers who aided burglars in five recent raids in Brooklyn and Manhattan are in possession of District Attorney James M. Lewis, of Brooklyn, he announced tonight.

Two policemen already under arrest and charged with burglary are charged with aiding burglars in five recent raids in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Prisoners of a bank robbery, who were taken to the city jail, were charged with aiding burglars in five recent raids in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

PROTEST NICKEL DRINKS
Dispensers of Liquid Refreshments Descend in Angry Storm on Fair-Price Committee.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Protesters of a bank robbery, who were taken to the city jail, were charged with aiding burglars in five recent raids in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Seize Still at Indian Creek.
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SOLD FOR ?

MORE TROUBLE IN MEXICO

CARRANZA REFUSES TO LET OBREGON RUN AS CIVILIAN

Declines to Release General From Army to Make Campaign for Presidential Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Refusal of President Carranza to permit General Alvaro Obregon to retire from the army and appear as a civilian candidate for the presidency has created a tense situation in Mexico City according to advices today from the Mexican capital.

Under the Mexican laws the advice of the Senate must pass on all military records and recently when Obregon petitioned the Senate to be permitted to retire from the army so as to run for the presidency as a civilian, the Senate granted his request.

In vetoing the Senate resolution, President Carranza declared that under the constitution military rank should be determined only in case of lack of such military merit. The preamble of the resolution, the President held, also contradicted with the resolution itself.

In the meanwhile General Obregon's military ability and merit were highly praised. Carranza's President Carranza appointed Obregon a lieutenant-colonel.

The President's action, the dispatches asserted, has created into all branches of Mexico City. Carranza has been made that Carranza realizes that a Mexican revolution is determined possible to elect a civilian candidate, and that he hopes to force Obregon to some other sphere.

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STEALS \$13,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS FROM WINDOW
Thief Smashes Plate Glass Window, Grabs Tray and Makes His Escape.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 17.—A window of a jewelry store of Joseph Moore, Inc., in the heart of the business section, while a number of astonished pedestrians looked on, an unidentified young man early tonight broke the window, secured a tray containing diamonds valued at \$13,000 and escaped through an alley.

His trail was followed by a chase of about ten blocks through the business section of the city, but the thief, after being pursued by a number of citizens, was lost.

BRITISH CABLES TO BRAZIL
Connection at Barbados Will Have Power Sufficient to Cope With Traffic.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The new British cable to Brazil, the North Atlantic cable, will have a power and equipment sufficient to handle the heavy traffic that is likely to develop from a considerable time, it was declared by Sir John Pender, chairman of the Western Telegraph Company Limited, at the annual meeting of the company today.

The chairman made his statement in connection with the formal announcement of the arrangements made with the Western Union Telegraph Company, by which it will connect the new cable to Brazil with cable from England.

At Barbados, thus making the line available for business from the United States to South America.

Cathians Will Be Tried in January.
ATLANTA, Dec. 17.—The French Senate as constituted by the French Senate will try Joseph Cathians, former Premier, on a charge of attempting to bring about a peace treaty and dishonorable peace with Germany. The trial will begin January 11. A decree will be promulgated tomorrow the Senate on January 11.

LAWRENCE MILL WORKERS CHEER WILLIAM M. WOOD

Woolen Company's Head Reads Riot Act to Alleged Profiteers of City.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Lawrence streets, in which were staged the textile riots of 1912, were filled today with thousands of mill workers, who cheered William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, who came to investigate charges that Lawrence merchants had advanced prices each time that wages were increased.

He announced before a conference with the Chamber of Commerce that unless prices in the retail stores were reduced, he would set up a large general store, at which American Woolen Company employees could buy at cost all necessities from hardware to clothing and from soap to nuts.

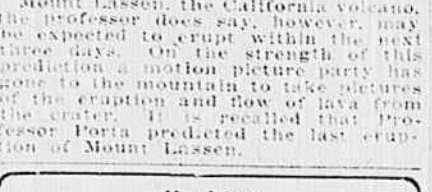
The merchants claimed Mr. Wood had been misinformed as to prices in Lawrence, and protested against charges of profiteering.

NOW IT'S EARTHQUAKES T.IAT'LL SHAKE OLD EARTH
Professor Asserts Storms of Unusual Violence and Volcanic Eruptions Are Due to Follow.

THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 17.—One result of today's planetary conjunction and its attendant disturbance of gravitation will be storms of unusual violence, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, according to Professor Albert E. Portia, who was credited with the prediction that the world would be jolted out of its orbit today by a stray star, a prediction which he has repudiated by the way.

Mount Lassen, the California volcano, the professor does say, however, may be expected to erupt within the next three days. On the strength of this prediction a motion picture party has gone to the mountain to take pictures of the eruption and flow of lava from the crater. It is recalled that Professor Portia predicted the last eruption of Mount Lassen.

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Urged Use of Swamp Land.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Utilization of 10,000 acres of government-owned swamp land near Klamath Lake, Ore., as a soldiers' settlement project is negotiating a contract with private Secretary Lane. The government now for thirty years.

Electrical Christmas Gifts

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